

**National Interagency Coordination Center  
Incident Management Situation Report  
Saturday, September 13, 2014 – 0530 MT  
National Preparedness Level 2**

**National Fire Activity**

Initial attack activity: Light (58 new fires)  
 New large fires: 2 (\*)  
 Large fires contained: 1  
 Uncontained large fires: \*\* 10  
 Area Command Teams committed: 0  
 NIMOs committed: 0  
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 4  
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 5

\*\* Uncontained large fires include only fires being managed under a full suppression strategy.

[Link](#) to Geographic Area daily reports.

**Northern California Area (PL 3)**

New fires: 19  
 New large fires: 1  
 Uncontained large fires: 5  
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 2  
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

\* **Bald Hill 3**, Hoopa Valley Tribe, BIA. IMT 2 (Minton). One mile northwest of Hoopa, CA. Timber. Moderate fire behavior with spotting.

**Happy Camp Complex**, Klamath NF. Transfer of command from IMT 1 (McGowan) to IMT 1(Opliger) will occur on 9/15. One mile east of Happy Camp, CA. Timber, brush and grass. Active fire behavior with short crown runs and backing. Numerous structures threatened. Evacuations, road and area closures in effect.

**Gulch**, Shasta-Trinity Unit, Cal Fire. Eight miles north of Bella Vista, CA. Chaparral. Minimal fire behavior.

**July Complex** (2 fires), Klamath NF. Four miles east of Sawyers Bar, CA. Timber, brush and grass. Moderate fire behavior. Area closure in effect.

Incident Name	St	Unit	Size	Size Chge 24 Hrs	% Ctn	Est Ctn	Totl Pers	Pers Chge 24 Hrs	Crw	Eng	Heli	Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
* Bald Hill 3	CA	HIA	200	---	0	UNK	161	---	6	17	1	0	200K	BIA
Happy Camp Complex	CA	KNF	108,240	881	50	9/20	2,230	-357	54	104	13	6	73M	FS
Gulch	CA	SHU	1,300	0	60	9/15	1,291	-116	48	75	5	12	3.4M	ST
July Complex	CA	KNF	46,500	738	78	10/1	194	-39	3	4	6	2	49.5M	FS

### **Northwest Area (PL 2)**

New fires: 8  
New large fires: 0  
Uncontained large fires: 4  
Type 1 IMTs committed: 2  
Type 2 IMTs committed: 2

**Deception Complex** (2 fires), Willamette NF. Transfer of command from IMT 1 (Schulte) to IMT 2 (Watts) will occur today. Two miles west of Oakridge, OR. Timber. Moderate fire behavior with isolated torching. Area closures in effect.

**790**, Rogue River-Siskiyou NF. IMT 2 (Johnson). Thirty miles northeast of Medford, OR. Timber. Creeping and smoldering with interior isolated torching. Area closures in effect.

**Yellow Point**, Western Lane District, Oregon DOF. ODF IMT 1 (Thorpe). Twenty-five miles west of Cottage Grove, OR. Timber. Minimal fire behavior. Road closures in effect.

Incident Name	St	Unit	Size	Size Chge 24 Hrs	% Ctn	Est Ctn	Totl Pers	Pers Chge 24 Hrs	Crw	Eng	Heli	Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
Deception Complex	OR	WIF	5,318	298	70	9/25	856	-47	18	41	8	0	30.1M	FS
790	OR	RSF	3,036	0	70	9/30	498	-144	13	5	10	0	13.6M	FS
Yellow Point	OR	781S	790	0	70	9/14	624	-196	20	18	6	0	4.2M	ST

### **Southern California Area (PL 3)**

New fires: 13  
New large fires: 1  
Uncontained large fires: 1  
Type 2 IMTs committed: 2

\* **Silverado**, Cleveland NF. IMT 2 (Garwood). Two miles east of Silverado, CA. Chaparral. Extreme fire behavior with spotting. Numerous residences and energy infrastructure threatened. Evacuations in effect.

**Meadow**, Yosemite NP. IMT 2 (Cooper). Five miles east of Yosemite Valley, CA. Timber and brush. Minimal fire behavior. Structures threatened. Area closures in effect.

Incident Name	St	Unit	Size	Size Chge 24 Hrs	% Ctn	Est Ctn	Totl Pers	Pers Chge 24 Hrs	Crw	Eng	Heli	Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
* Silverado	CA	CNF	1,300	---	0	UNK	478	---	16	25	7	0	1.5M	FS
Meadow	CA	YNP	4,933	27	N/A	N/A	535	-35	15	0	8	0	3.3M	NPS
Bridge	CA	MMU	300	0	100	---	0	-169	0	0	0	0	5.4M	ST

MMU – Merced-Mariposa Unit, Cal Fire

**Other Fires**

(As of September 12)

<b>GACC</b>	<b>Fires</b>	<b>Cumulative Acres</b>	<b>Crews</b>	<b>Engines</b>	<b>Helicopters</b>	<b>Total Personnel</b>
AK	0	0	0	0	0	0
NW	6	71,333	7	8	7	235
NO	0	0	0	0	0	0
SO	0	0	0	0	0	0
NR	7	16,979	1	4	1	66
EB	0	0	0	0	0	0
WB	0	0	0	0	0	0
SW	1	4,313	0	1	0	3
RM	0	0	0	0	0	0
EA	0	0	0	0	0	0
SA	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	14	92,625	8	13	8	304

**Predictive Services Discussion:** Warming and drying will continue to strengthen over the Great Basin, California, and the northwest U.S. today as a result of high pressure aloft and a thermal trough at the surface. It will be much cooler than normal over the eastern half of the country today under broad, westerly flow aloft. Areas most likely to see precipitation will be from the southern Rockies and Plains through the Atlantic Coast along a stationary front.

<http://www.predictiveservices.nifc.gov/outlooks/outlooks.htm>



## WILDLAND/URBAN INTERFACE WATCHOUTS

*Operational Engagement Category*

The primary consideration is to first assure firefighter and public safety. It is a must to assess potential fire behavior, ingress/egress routes, nature of the threat, hazardous materials, and available water supplies before engaging in the protection of any structures. The first step in conducting a safe operation is to assess whether the firefighting operations can be conducted safely.

- Consider the “Wildland/Urban Interface Watchouts” in completing a risk analysis for the urban interface area to be protected. Remember there are three categories of structures:
  - Those that are not threatened.
  - Those that are threatened.
  - Those that have already been lost or too dangerous to protect.
  
- Wildland/Urban Interface Watchouts:
  - Poor access and narrow, one-way roads. A rapidly spreading fire could trap apparatus and personnel before they can turn around or move away from the flames and smoke.
  - Observe bridge limits. Exceeding bridge limits could lead to bridge failure with a resultant blocking of ingress/egress routes that could result in the loss of an escape route or loss of equipment.
  - Inadequate water supply. Without a reserve supply of water, the fire can overtake an area before the fuels can be cleared away.
  - Natural fuels are located 30 feet or closer to structures on level ground. Remember structures on slopes require greater clearance. Structures are located on canyon slopes or “chimneys” on slopes of 30% or more with continuous, flashy fuels. The resulting rate of spread of any fire in this terrain can quickly extend beyond control.
  
- Extreme fire behavior: Situations involving crowning, large flame heights and erratic fire behavior can extend in an unpredictable manner beyond the control of any number of personnel. Strong winds of 25+ MPH: Winds increase the chance of spotting over the heads of firefighters and trapping them between both fire areas. Winds also cause greater preheating of fuels in the path of a fire front.
  - The need to evacuate the public, livestock, pets, and/or animals. This critical activity can pull personnel from the firefighting activity and can distract attention from fire behavior at a time when the greatest alertness is needed.
  - Propane and above ground fuel tanks that are next to wooden structures or close to vegetation
  - Power lines and poles: What is their location in relation to the structures that are being protected? Watch for both overhead and downed power lines.
  - Local citizens are attempting suppression activities. Lack of knowledge in fire suppression may lead to unsafe tactics.
  
  - Airtanker retardant drops and helicopter bucket operations: Establish communications and keep fire personnel out of the drop zone.

### References:

Incident Response Pocket Guide pages 12-16

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### Fires and Acres Yesterday

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	0	1	0	0	1	1	3
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Northwest	FIRES	0	0	0	0	6	2	8
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	15	6	21
Northern California	FIRES	0	0	0	0	19	0	19
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	31	1,804	1,835
Southern California	FIRES	0	2	0	0	8	3	13
	ACRES	0	80	0	0	2	1,301	1,383
Northern Rockies	FIRES	0	0	0	0	1	4	5
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	25	0	25
Western Great Basin	FIRES	0	1	0	0	0	1	2
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Southwest	FIRES	0	2	0	0	0	1	3
	ACRES	0	330	0	0	0	1	331
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Eastern Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Southern Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
TOTAL	FIRES	0	6	0	0	40	12	58
	ACRES	0	410	0	0	74	3,115	3,599

### Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	0	55	0	0	300	24	<b>379</b>
	ACRES	0	31,560	0	0	201,245	7	<b>232,812</b>
Northwest	FIRES	315	278	54	58	1,027	1,329	<b>3,061</b>
	ACRES	81,407	697,123	152	2,937	278,547	129,433	<b>1,189,599</b>
Northern California	FIRES	95	36	7	11	2,733	737	<b>3,619</b>
	ACRES	88	16,102	35	31	83,316	262,332	<b>361,904</b>
Southern California	FIRES	39	69	13	55	2,275	534	<b>2,985</b>
	ACRES	235	2,988	518	219	20,587	23,844	<b>48,391</b>
Northern Rockies	FIRES	656	77	7	11	887	683	<b>2,321</b>
	ACRES	10,494	2,867	1,168	5	82,222	20,974	<b>117,730</b>
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	39	413	1	28	569	509	<b>1,559</b>
	ACRES	1,159	60,799	0	206	21,028	14,740	<b>97,932</b>
Western Great Basin	FIRES	9	303	1	16	51	88	<b>468</b>
	ACRES	168	32,447	0	7	1,098	24,247	<b>57,967</b>
Southwest	FIRES	473	163	11	53	602	814	<b>2,116</b>
	ACRES	99,065	1,870	577	11,031	14,329	81,311	<b>208,183</b>
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	478	344	22	17	678	234	<b>1,773</b>
	ACRES	2,332	10,869	1,181	2,505	48,766	2,181	<b>67,834</b>
Eastern Area	FIRES	408	0	51	22	4,883	320	<b>5,684</b>
	ACRES	602	0	1,815	186	34,064	4,893	<b>41,560</b>
Southern Area	FIRES	403	0	117	26	14,376	502	<b>15,424</b>
	ACRES	111,325	0	9,743	282	248,315	35,138	<b>404,803</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>FIRES</b>	<b>2,915</b>	<b>1,738</b>	<b>284</b>	<b>297</b>	<b>28,381</b>	<b>5,774</b>	<b>39,389</b>
	<b>ACRES</b>	<b>306,875</b>	<b>856,625</b>	<b>15,189</b>	<b>17,409</b>	<b>1,033,517</b>	<b>599,100</b>	<b>2,828,715</b>

<b>Ten Year Average Fires</b>	<b>57,891</b>
<b>Ten Year Average Acres</b>	<b>6,476,692</b>

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**Prescribed Fires and Acres Yesterday**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northwest	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northern California	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Southern California	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northern Rockies	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	103	103
Western Great Basin	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Southwest	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	1,890	0	0	0	110	2,000
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	8	0	0	0	0	8
Eastern Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Southern Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	3	0	3
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	40	0	40
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>FIRES</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>
	<b>ACRES</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,898</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>213</b>	<b>2,151</b>

**Prescribed Fires and Acres Year to Date**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	0	7	0	0	0	0	7
	ACRES	0	59,591	0	0	0	0	59,591
Northwest	FIRES	12	46	9	3	15	174	259
	ACRES	2,906	11,255	3,190	37	447	23,199	41,034
Northern California	FIRES	2	3	17	9	0	127	158
	ACRES	56	135	7,330	60	0	5,950	13,531
Southern California	FIRES	2	5	3	6	0	71	87
	ACRES	9	277	191	454	0	2,082	3,013
Northern Rockies	FIRES	13	21	45	4	11	125	219
	ACRES	2,553	8,092	10,950	3,253	241	17,002	42,091
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	3	14	5	7	30	69	128
	ACRES	355	4,062	2,184	56	1,203	19,975	27,835
Western Great Basin	FIRES	0	3	1	0	7	3	14
	ACRES	0	716	300	0	147	216	1,379
Southwest	FIRES	10	16	7	1	1	54	89
	ACRES	2,036	18,298	1,959	17	75	20,805	43,190
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	23	37	92	18	67	77	314
	ACRES	1,919	3,479	19,531	4,833	2,344	11,608	43,714
Eastern Area	FIRES	53	0	381	51	1,180	171	1,836
	ACRES	58,417	0	57,583	5,551	71,398	63,949	256,898
Southern Area	FIRES	88	0	184	28	8,041	875	9,216
	ACRES	17,721	0	77,764	31,863	344,019	889,691	1,361,058
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>FIRES</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>744</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>9,352</b>	<b>1,746</b>	<b>12,327</b>
	<b>ACRES</b>	<b>85,972</b>	<b>105,905</b>	<b>180,982</b>	<b>46,124</b>	<b>419,874</b>	<b>1,054,477</b>	<b>1,893,334</b>

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Additional wildfire information is available through the Geographic Areas at <http://gacc.nifc.gov/>. This report contains information derived from the National Fire and Aviation Management Web Applications (FAMWEB) system and other sources to provide relative information about emerging and ongoing incident activity. This information is considered operational in nature, is subject to change, and therefore may not match official year-to-date agency records.

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